

The Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPT'R. 18.

The market this morning was well supplied with meats, vegetables and fruits. Prices were generally unchanged, though in some things there was a slight decline. Beef, lamb and veal, 15 a 20 cts. a pound. Sweet potatoes, 40 a 50 cts. a peck; Irish do. 37½ a 40 cts. a peck; green-corn, 25 cts. a dozen; lima beans, 25 cts. a quart; tomatoes 40 cts. a peck; peaches, 80 cts. to \$1 a peck; apples and pears, 25 a 40 cts.

In Baltimore Beef cattle are quoted at prices ranging from \$2.75 to \$4.62½ per 100 lbs gross, for common to prime live, a decline of 12½ cents per 100 lbs on the better grades. (The community here will anxiously look, but we fear in vain, for some reduction.) Sheep 3½ to 4½ cents per lb gross, according to quality.

Sora are now getting to be quite in season, and the sportsmen are killing them in numbers. They are selling for the enormous price of 75 cts. per dozen, but that price cannot be maintained.

It is said that the 1st District of Columbia regiment has been relieved from duty, at Alexandria, by the 2d and 17th United States infantry. The 1st District of Columbia regiment will, it is said, be placed on duty in Washington.

John Underwood, of Occoquan, recently captured by a party of Confederates, has been released by order of the Confederate commander at Fredericksburg, and returned to his residence at Occoquan.

A "German Union League" has been established in this place.

Returns from three hundred and seventy-nine towns in Maine give Coney, for Governor, 18,478 majority.

Heavy firing was heard all yesterday afternoon, from a southwestern direction.

Gen. Milroy, it is reported, has been ordered to duty in the army of the Potomac.

The receiver of commutation money in Washington up to Saturday last had received \$18,600 as commutation money in sixty cases. A number of those who have paid their money have not yet procured their exemption from the Board of Enrollment.

The railroad track at Paint Bridge, near Blandensburg, on the Washington and Baltimore Railroad was injured again by the heavy rain yesterday morning, it being washed away for some distance. A slight detention of the trains occurred.

The San Francisco Republic says that the news of the Federal victories at Vicksburg and Gettysburg seriously impedes the progress of the "temperance reform" in that city.

Three boys, all under fifteen years of age have been arrested, in Washington, for stealing, and committed to prison.

Gertrude Weber, a servant girl, was so badly beaten with broomsticks by her New York mistress, because she proposed to leave her situation, that her life is despaired of.

By telegraph from San Francisco, we are informed that the Pacific Railway has already commenced operations in California.

A dispatch from Philadelphia asserts that information has been received therefrom Richmond, by persons who professes to have left that city on Monday last, stating positively "that General Lee has gone South for some purpose unknown to the public." It is further reported that "General Longstreet's command has been sent to reinforce Charleston and Mobile, and Gen. Hill's corps is believed to have been sent to the assistance of Bragg.—There are now about sixty thousand (?) troops about Richmond belonging to the Army of Northern Virginia. This force has fallen back to the line of the Richmond defences. Gen. Sam Jones has two brigades, comprising about eight thousand men, in West Virginia, commanded by Brigadier Generals Eccles and Jackson. He is about to make another raid toward Beverly. His headquarters are at Union, Monroe county. Imboden has fifteen hundred cavalry acting as partisan rangers.—His headquarters are six miles west of Harrisonville, Va. [Of course this will not be considered *literally true*.]

The following deaths have occurred in and near Winchester, Va., during the past year: David Barton, an eminent lawyer, two sons, and a son-in-law; Dr. Robert T. Baldwin, an eminent physician; William Walters, merchant; John Anderson, a soldier of 1812; James Bowles, farmer; Powell Conrad, lawyer, son of Robert Y. Conrad; Samuel Trenary's wife and daughter; a daughter of Joseph Neal, a daughter of Geo. Kramer, and the wife of Dr. Daniel Conrad. The people of the town and neighborhood have been great sufferers by the war.

The Marlboro', Md., Prince Georgian says that a number of the parishioners of the Rev. Dr. Marbury, of St. Paul's Parish, in that county, recently presented him with a handsome carriage and harness, as a testimonial of their regard and affection for him as a man and a pastor. The present was acknowledged by the Doctor in an appropriate and very feeling address, in which he accepted the gift, and attached most value to it, as indicating the kindly relations in which he is held by his people.

The Richmond Despatch says: "A very able address has just been delivered before the Cadets of the Virginia Military Institute by Maj. Gen. Francis H. Smith, its Superintendent, on "The Life and Character of Lieut. Gen. Thomas J. Jackson, late Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy" there. It is an interesting fact that when the Board of Visitors of the Institute was looking for a suitable person to fill the vacant chair to which Jackson was chosen, the Faculty of West Point submitted to them the names of Gens. McClellan, Rosecrans, Reno and Gustavus W. Smith, besides that of Jackson. The lecture-room of the great professor is still draped in mourning for his death.

On Thursday morning, from two to four hundred Confederate cavalry crossed the Potomac near the mouth of Muddy Creek, and moved towards the camp of the Federal cavalry two miles distant. General Heintzleman, who was in the neighborhood, headed a force and pursued them to near Edward's Ferry, where they recrossed into Virginia committing no depredations.

From the Army of the Potomac.

We have very little intelligence from the Army of the Potomac. The Confederates will make a decided stand on the south side of the Rapidan—there is no doubt about this. Many officers of the army scout the idea that Lee's army has been reduced. It is really thought to be as large now as at the battle of Gettysburg. They have been conscripting from all quarters. Even the Quakers in Loudon county, Va., so long unmolested, have at last been impressed.

Kilpatrick and Pleanton have not as yet got across the Rapidan, it being pretty evident that the enemy are posted too strong on the south bank.

On the 16th the Confederates seemed desirous of acting on the offensive, they crossing the river near Raccoon Ford, and drove some 150 Federals away, who were doing picket duty. They were finally driven off by dismounted cavalry. The Federals lost some thirty men.—[Wash. Constitutional Union.

Freshet on the Schuylkill.

EASTON, PA., September 18.—It rained hard here all day. The rivers are rising rapidly, and much damage is apprehended. The Delaware division of the canal is badly damaged below here, and a week at least will be required to repair it.

At Mauch Chunk, the trestle bridge of Douglass, Sheer & Co., the bridge of A. W. Leisenridge, and the new county bridge above Mauch Chunk, have been washed away. It is reported that the coffer dam above there has also been washed away.

We stated a day or two ago that the people of Chicago are engaged in the discussion of a most interesting piece of engineering—the construction of a tunnel under Lake Michigan, for the purpose of securing a supply of better water than they can get near the shore. The proposed tunnel is to be two miles in length, extending from the shore directly under the lake, perpendicularly to the shore. It is to be five feet clear in diameter, walled with brick and cement eight inches thick. The bottom of the shore end of the tunnel to be sixty-six feet below the level of the lake, and to descend at the rate of two feet per mile to the further end. There are to be four shafts opening from the tunnel to the world above—one on land, one in the lake, at the further end, and two at intermediate points in the lake. These shafts in the lake are to consist of cast-iron cylinders, and to be protected by hollow pentagonal cribs. Bids for executing this tremendous work were opened September 9. They ranged from \$239,548 to \$1,056,000. The contract has not yet been given out. It is to be completed in two years.

The Paris correspondent of the New York Times says:—"In regard to the alliance between Russia and the United States, about which so much has lately been said in the European Press, there is not one word of truth in it. Mr. Clay, it is understood, takes the Russian side of the French quarrel, and does not hesitate to pledge to Russia the sympathies of the United States in case of a European war, but that is the extent of the alliance.—And now that France and Russia have made friends, and there is no prospect of a European war, there is also no question of an alliance between Russia and the United States."

It is reported, that the steamer Caledonia is taking in coal at Quebec, to supply a Confederate steamer.